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In absence of Prime Minister and Tun Razak, I presented to Acting Prime Minister Tan Siew Sin at 3:00 P.M. today text as received by USIS plus President's statements September 4 and 13 joint resolution of Congress, letter to President UN Security Council, and draft Security Council resolution. During my oral presentation, I covered points raised DEPTTEL 705. Tan appeared sympathetic, understanding, did not question extent of provocation* of necessity for US actions. Said situation would be discussed soonest with Malayan defense chiefs. Asked be kept fully informed on all developments.

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